

only in all aspects of its operation, but in its record of public service. This is a testament to the leadership of its founder and Chairman, Ralph Roberts, President, Brian Roberts, and Vice President, Joe Waz. These men serve as role-models in their communities and are true heroes in every sense of the word.

If we learned anything from September 11 it was that the will and resolve of the American people cannot be shaken by those who would use terror as a weapon and religion as a shield. We are strongest and at our best when we are defending American values and the bedrock principles of democracy. If anything changed on September 11 it was a renewed determination for all of us to reach out where and when we can, and to recognize that we are much more united by our common concerns and shared values than divided by our individual differences. Companies like Comcast have recognized a community need, reached out, and made a difference, and they deserve the recognition of a grateful Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO JAMES V. PARRILLO

● Mr. CORZINE. Madam President, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues a great man from the State of New Jersey, Mr. James V. Parrillo. A 66 year old native of Newark, Mr. Parrillo is a man of integrity who has devoted his time and talents to making his city a thriving urban center.

A graduate of East Side High School, Mr. Parrillo currently serves as a community relations specialist at the Newark Housing Authority. In this capacity he is responsible for coordinating special events, including an annual parade and senior citizen fashion show.

A grassroots coalition-builder and youth advocate, Mr. Parrillo is also involved in strengthening the community and promoting the development of children. For the past fifteen years he has sponsored a little league baseball team in Newark's Ironbound section, providing a much needed recreational outlet for the city's young people. Most recently, he was elected to serve as a member of the Newark Board of Education and is chairman of its Community Development Committee.

In 1981, Jimmy, as he is affectionately known, established the Jimmy Parrillo Civic Association, an organization comprised of representatives from the business, educational, and political communities. Each year the association recognizes the achievements of individuals who have contributed to promoting stable communities in the city of Newark.

I want you to know that James V. Parrillo is a true American and believes that all people should have access to America's Promise. An unselfish man, he has the gift of bringing people together to work for a common cause.

Jimmy believes that he can make a difference. The city of Newark is a bet-

ter city today because of his dedication and leadership.

Lastly, I am proud to call Jimmy a friend and it is an honor for me to bring him to your attention.●

TRIBUTE TO VERNON ALLEY

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, earlier this year our country was treated to "Jazz," the latest documentary by Ken Burns. The ambitious, multi-part series traced the personalities, culture and, of course, music of jazz from its origins in turn of the century New Orleans until the present day. Like his critically acclaimed documentaries on the Civil War and baseball, Mr. Burns' production was as much a meditation on America and the nature of our democracy as it was an overview of jazz itself. For those who have not yet had a chance to see this wonderful exploration, I highly recommend it.

Jazz is a distinctly American art form, born of many different influences and nurtured in a wide variety of contexts and communities. Although often over-shadowed by cities such as New Orleans, New York and Kansas City, San Francisco was and remains one such community. Over the years, it has been home and played host to many of jazz's greatest talents.

Perhaps no musician better personifies San Francisco's connection and contributions to jazz than bassist Vernon Alley. Vernon Alley is a longtime San Franciscan. He grew up in the City and has maintained a band here off and on since the mid-forties. As jazz vocalist Jon Hendricks once remarked, "[Vernon is] the dean of San Francisco jazz."

Mr. Alley began his lifelong association with San Francisco and jazz when he accompanied his parents to see a performance by the incomparable Jelly Roll Morton at Maple Hall. Thus inspired, Vernon went on to dedicate his life to music. Arriving in New York as a young man at the high point of the swing era, he played with some of the biggest names in the business, including both the Lionel Hampton and Count Basie Orchestras. Always a sought after accompanist, in later years he would play with such other legends as Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzy Gillespie, Erroll Garner and more.

Although he may have been able to gain wider exposure or acclaim if he remained in New York, Vernon returned to San Francisco after World War II. Here he is beloved, not only for the power, warmth and lyrical quality of his music, but also for his great personal charm. I have had the pleasure of meeting Vernon Alley and seeing him perform. He is a gifted and gracious man and certainly a Bay Area treasure.

Vernon was honored this year at the prestigious San Francisco Jazz Festival with the SFJAZZ Beacon Award for his achievements in music and as a stalwart in the community. Mayor Willie Brown declared October 30, 2001

"Vernon Alley Day." That evening Vernon joined 15 friends on the stage for a three and a half hour tribute concert. By all accounts it was night filled with joy and an appreciation of how the gifts of one man can be gifts to us all.

I am greatly encouraged by what I see as a renewed sense of love for America and respect for its traditions and achievements. In Jazz, we see a reflection of ourselves at our finest. And in Vernon Alley we see the embodiment of jazz at its finest. For keeping this art form alive, we owe him our deepest thanks.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 3(b) of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-12), the Majority Leader appoints the following individuals to the Medal of Valor Review Board: Mr. Oliver "Glenn" Boyer of Hillsboro, Missouri and Mr. Richard "Smokey" Dyer of Kansas City, Missouri.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 10) to provide for pension reform, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2540) to amend title 38, United States Code, to make various improvement to veterans benefits programs under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2716) to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise, improve, and consolidate provisions of law providing benefits and services for homeless veterans.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1196) to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1291) to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational benefits for veterans under the Montgomery GI bill, with an amendment; in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 26. A joint resolution providing for the appointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 58. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the tenth annual meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 259. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the relief efforts undertaken by charitable organizations and the people of the United States in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001. H. Con. Res. 281. Concurrent resolution honoring the ultimate sacrifice made by Johnny Michael Spann, the first American killed in combat during the war against terrorism in Afghanistan, and pledging continued support for members of the Armed Forces.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 38. An act to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundaries of the Homestead National Monument of America in the State of Nebraska, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1576. An act to designate the James Peak Wilderness and Protection Area in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1989. An act to reauthorize various fishery conservation management programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2069. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Global AIDS and Tuberculosis Act of 2000 to authorize assistance to prevent, treat, and monitor HIV AIDS in sub-Saharan African and other developing countries.

H.R. 2121. An act to make available funds under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to expand democracy, good governance, and anti-corruption programs in the Russian Federation in order to promote and strengthen democratic government and civil society in that country and to support independent media.

H.R. 2440. An act to rename Wolf Trap Farm Park as "Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts," and for other purposes.

H.R. 2595. An act to direct the Secretary of the Army to convey a parcel of land to Chatham County, Georgia.

H.R. 2742. An act to authorize the construction of a Native American Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

H.R. 3030. An act to extend the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3216. An act to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to exclude certain basic allowances for housing of an individual who is a member of the uniformed services from the determination of eligibility for free and reduced price meals of a child of the individual.

H.R. 3282. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 400 North Main Street in Butte, Montana, as the "Mike Mansfield Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 3770. An act to amend the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996 to modify the reversionary interest of the United States in a parcel of property conveyed to the Traverse City Area School District in Traverse City, Michigan.

H.R. 3441. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to realign the policy responsibility in the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3442. An act to establish the National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. and for other purposes.

H.R. 3447. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain qualified nurses for the Veterans Health Administration, to provide an additional basis for establishing the inability of veterans to defray expenses of necessary medical care, to enhance certain health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

At 2:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2883) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1230. An act to provide for the establishment of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1761. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal service located at 8588 Richmond Highway in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Herb E. Harris Post Office Building."

H.R. 2061. An act to amend the charter of Southeastern University of the District of Columbia.

H.R. 2944. An act making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 5:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1022. An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to make sure the rules of etiquette for flying the flag of the United States do not preclude the flying of flags at half mast when ordered by city and local officials.

H.R. 3209. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to false communications about certain criminal violations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3295. An act to establish a program to provide funds to States to replace punch card voting systems, to establish the Election Assistance Commission to assist in the administration of Federal elections and to otherwise provide assistance with the administration of certain Federal election laws and pro-

grams, to establish minimum election administration standards for States and units of local government with responsibility for the administration of Federal elections, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed, to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 282. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Social Security promise should be kept.

At 6:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3338) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

For consideration of division A of the House bill and division A of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. DICKS, Mr. SABO, Mr. VIS-CLOSKY, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Mr. OBEY.

For consideration of all other matters of the House bill and all other matters of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. LEWIS of California, and Mr. OBEY.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 10. An act to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries.

H.R. 2540. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rate of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans.

H.R. 2716. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise, improve, and consolidate provisions of law providing benefits and service for homeless veterans.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1022. An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to make sure the rules of etiquette for flying the flag of the United States do not preclude the flying of flags at half mast when ordered by city and local officials; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1576. An act to designate the James Peak Wilderness and Protection Area in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in